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From the Private Secretary

23 December 1981

Letter from Mr. van Agt: European Institute of Public Administration

You wrote to Michael Alexander on 25 November enclosing a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Mr. van Agt's letter. The Prime Minister duly wrote to Mr. van Agt on 27 November and arrangements were made for it to be delivered to him at the Piccadilly Hotel. In the event, however, the letter was not received by Mr. van Agt; it was returned to No. 10 two days ago.

I now enclose the letter. You may care to consider whether it should be forwarded to Mr. van Agt with a suitable explanation, or whether events have overtaken the need to reply.

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T169A/87

THE PRIME MINISTER

27 November 1981

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Dear Mr. van Agt,

Thank you for your letter of 19 November about the European Institute of Public Administration.

I think that the Institute could provide a useful additional dimension to our Civil Service European Training. We have in fact already given an undertaking that the UK will participate in the Institute's work, and the Principal of the Civil Service College, Mr. Noel Moore, serves on its Scientific Council.

I can assure you that we will consider carefully whether there is any way in which we could extend our participation. But I am sure you will appreciate that the present economic situation and the need for severe restraint on public expenditure are major constraints.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Mr. A.A.M. van Agt

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